

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification:

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 69, 70 and 72 were pending in the instant application. Claims 69, 70 and 72 were found to be allowable by the Examiner.

Claim 69 has been amended. Support for the amendment to this claim can be found throughout the specification as filed. Specifically, support can be found, for example, in the paragraph bridging pages 10-11.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Petition to Withdraw a Recorded Terminal Disclaimer:

Applicants petition herewith to withdraw a recorded Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 5,858,358 (*see*, Appendix A). Applicants respectfully assert that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection was erroneously applied and accordingly request withdrawal of the recorded Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 5,858,358.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 69, 70 and 72 are pending in the instant application.


Applicants respectfully aver that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to issue a timely Notice of Allowance. Applicants also respectfully request withdrawal of the recorded Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 5,858,358.

Please charge the RCE fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing; however, if any fees are due, the Examiner is requested to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If there any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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